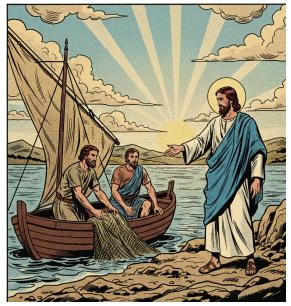


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# Jesus, the Fulfillment of God's Promises

n this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we follow Jesus as He begins His mission in Northern Palestine, fulfilling God's promise to bring light and freedom to the world. His call to conversion and invitation to welcome God's Kingdom, first heard by the shores of Galilee, reaches us today with the same urgency. In the Eucharist, the Kingdom of God is truly present—let us open our hearts to receive its grace and share its life-giving power with others.



# **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place. (Cf. Ps 96 (95): 1, 6)

#### **GREETING**

**P** –Grace and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All- And with your spirit.

# PENITENTIAL ACT

**P** – To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins and ask the Lord's forgiveness and strength. (Pause)

**P** – Lord Jesus, you began your mission by inviting people to conversion. Lord, have mercy.

**All**– Lord, have mercy.

**P** – Lord Jesus, you call people to become your disciples for the sake of the Kingdom. Christ, have mercy.

**All**– Christ, have mercy.

**P** – Lord Jesus, you cure all kinds of disease and illness. Lord, have mercy.

All- Lord, have mercy.

**P** – May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All- Amen.

#### **GLORIA**

All – Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you
take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# **COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)**

P – Almighty ever-living God,
 direct our actions according to your good pleasure,

that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

All - Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

# 1st Reading

Is 8:23-9:3

**R** – A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali;

but in the end he has glorified the seaward road,

the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:

for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing;

as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

All - Thanks be to God.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

R - The Lord is my light and may salvation.



The Lord is my light and my sal-



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? R.

One thing I ask of the Lord;
this I seek:
to dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
that I may gaze on the loveliness of the
Lord
and contemplate his temple. R.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

### **2nd Reading**

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

**R** – A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters,

by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you.

I mean that each of you is saying,
"I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos,"

or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

Is Christ divided?

Was Paul crucified for you?

Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel,

and not with the wisdom of human eloquence,

so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

The word of the Lord.
All – Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

cf. Mt 4:23

All – Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom and cured every disease among the people. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel

Mt 4:12-23

**P** - The Lord be with you.

All - And with your spirit.

P - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All - Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,

in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet

might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen."

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say,

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers:

Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew,

casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.

He said to them,

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers:

James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.

They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets.

He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father

and followed him.

He went around all of Galilee,

teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.
All – Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **HOMILY**

#### **Profession of Faith**

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All - I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (All genuflect and pause after reciting this sentence.) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic

and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**P** – Spiritually united with all the people of goodwill, let us address our petitions to the Lord for all the needs of all mankind and the people dear to our hearts. Our response will be:

#### All - Lord, graciously hear us.

- C -For the Catholic Church, God's special family on earth: may she constantly be Good News to all the nations of the world through her faithfulness to the teaching of Jesus. Let us pray. R.
- C –For the Holy Father, our bishops and all spiritual leaders: may their constant effort to promote a civilization of life, love and peace be crowned with lasting success. Let us pray. R.
- C –For those involved in the Biblical apostolate: may their effort to bring the Holy Scripture to all families and institutions find a positive response in all Filipinos. Let us pray. R.
- C –For those who are called to a special discipleship: may they respond promptly to the Lord's invitation and persevere in their vocation with generous faithfulness. Let us pray. R.
- C –For all Christian families: may their generous response to Jesus' invitation to a more radical discipleship make them heralds of good news in their own environments. Let us pray.
  R.
- **P** Thank you, Lord Jesus, for continuing to call people to be your disciples and promoters of your Word in our country. May their efforts produce abundant fruit. You who live and reign for ever and ever.

All - Amen.

#### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

**P** –Pray, brethren . . .

All -May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**P** – Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them, grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All - Amen.

#### **PREFACE I**

P - The Lord be with you.

All - And with your spirit.

P - Lift up your hearts.

All - We lift them up to the Lord.

P - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All - It is right and just.

**P** –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery, he accomplished the marvelous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death,

summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, as we sing the hymn of your glory without end we acclaim:

All – Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



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#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**P** - The mystery of faith.

All – When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

# **COMMUNION RITE**

All - Our Father ...

P - Deliver us, Lord . . .

All – For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

#### SIGN OF PEACE

# **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

All – Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

#### COMMUNION

**P** – This is the Lord Jesus, the model of our children and youth. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All – Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no Communion hymn is sung.)

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the life of life. (Jn 8: 12)

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P – Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

All – Amen.

# CONCLUDING RITES

**P–**The Lord be with you.

All – And with your spirit.

**P-**Bow down for the blessing. (Pause)

 May the power of God's Word guide your steps in the way of an authentic Christian life.
 All-Amen.

**P-**May the Lord enable you to be instruments of peace and promoters of unity in our society. **All - Amen.** 

**P–**May the Lord protect you from all dangers and prosper your undertakings.

All - Amen.

**P-**May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All - Amen.

**P–**Go in peace, to proclaim God's Word and live by it day by day.

All - Thanks be to God.

